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Notes on a conversation with Henry Kissinger

"I gave him run-down on the President's remarks to me privately in the Sixth Fleet re his priorities. K. does not agree with the President that American people can be turned around. He states strongly that the President misjudges the people. K. feels that U.S. has passed its historic high point like so many earlier civilizations. He believes U.S. is on downhill and cannot be roused by political challenge. He states that his job is to persuade the Russians to give us the best deal we can get, recognizing that the historical forces favor them. He says that he realizes that in the light of history he will be recognized as one of those who negotiated terms favorable to the Soviets, but that the American people have only themselves to blame because they lack stamina to stay the course against the Russians who are 'Sparta to our Athens.'"



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